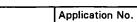


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THE REPLY FILED 2/27/02 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION F Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid the abandonment of this applicant rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places to allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. THE PERIOD FOR REPLY [check only a) or b)]	tion. A proper reply to a final the application in condition for
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a) X The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.	
b) In view of the early submission of the proposed reply (within two months as set forth in MPEP § 7 expires on the mailing date of this Advisory Action, OR continues to run from the mailing date of t is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for the reply expire later than SIX MONTH rejection.	he final rejection, whichever
Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFI extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the correappropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortene set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See	esponding amount of the fee. The distance of statutory period for reply originally later than three months after the
1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant's Brief must be filed w 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the	rithin the period set forth in eappeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will be entered upon the timely submission of a Notice of requisite fees.	Appeal and Appeal Brief with
3. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:	
(a) X they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (See N	IOTE below);
(b) ☑ they raise the issue of new matter. (See NOTE below);	
(c) X they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially r	reducing or simplifying the
issues for appeal; and/or	
(d) \square they present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally re	
NOTE: For example, the negative expression "compression joints without joining coating	
new issues. Further, new Figs. 9-18 raise the issue of new matter. See "other	<u>" below.</u>
4. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s):	
Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would separate, timely filed amendment cancelling the non-allowable claim(s).	be allowable if submitted in a
6. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been consideration in condition for allowance because:	ered but does NOT place the
7. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to iss by the Examiner in the final rejection.	ues which were newly raised
8. X For purposes of Appeal, the status of the claim(s) is as follows (see attached written ex	xplanation, if any):
Claim(s) allowed:	
Claim(s) objected to:	
Claim(s) rejected: 1-7 and 9-16	
9. The proposed drawing correction filed on	een approved by the Examiner.
10. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s).	- · Starm
11. Other: For example, the dimensions of the end pieces 6 and of the varied inner diameter 12, 14, etc. in new Figs. 9-18 are unsupported by original record.	LUONG PRIMARY EXAMINER ART UNIT 3682